

**MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF LAKE PARK COUNCIL MEETING  
3801 LAKE PARK ROAD, LAKE PARK, NC  
REGULAR SESSION – 7:00 P.M.  
APRIL 10, 2007**

**ATTENDING:** Mayor Pro Tem Sandy Coughlin  
Council Members: Sarah Barbour, Greg Crosby,  
Kendall Spence, Jo Waybright  
Attorney Ken Swain  
Village Clerk Cheri Clark  
Absent: Mayor John Ross  
Finance Officer Cheryl Bennett

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Pro Tem Sandy Coughlin called the Regular Session of the Village of Lake Park Council to order.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Pro Tem Sandy Coughlin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Regular Session – March 13, 2007. Kendall Spence made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Greg Crosby seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Royetta Sieminski requested that Council approve \$300 for a teenage social to be held on May 19th from noon until 3 p.m. in Russell Park. Kendall Spence made the motion to approve \$300 for the cookout. Greg Crosby seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Planning for “National Night Out” has started. Royetta Sieminski asked if the VOLP would handle the funds. The goal is to raise \$6,000.00 and the Community Watch program does not have 501 non-profit status. Ken Swain and Cheryl Bennett will explore the request.

David Brown expressed an interest in building a Christmas light display for the VOLP similar to the one at his house last year. Mr. Brown will also be at the April Parks and Recreation Commission. Greg Crosby inquired as to the amount of electricity that would be needed for a display and the cost involved. The Browns’ display cost less than a \$1,000.00. A potential site suggested for the display is the large Christmas tree near the Town Center.

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** Sarah Barbour made the motion to accept the agenda as presented. Jo Waybright seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

**SECURITY REPORT:** Sarah Barbour requested that Council be thinking about additional funds for Community Watch at the Budget Workshop. Mrs. Barbour would like to encourage all residents to call 911 if they see any suspicious activities in the VOLP. She requested that the next issue of the Villager contain an article concerning children and helmets. There are a few citations that have not been paid. Ken Swain provided to possible collection means, one through small claims court or a collection agency. Sarah Barbour will provide a recommendation to Council at the May meeting. Greg Crosby expressed his support for insuring that the ordinances are upheld in the VOLP.

**FINANCIAL OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT:** Kendall Spence made the motion to approve Budget Ordinance 2006/7 #4 as presented. Jo Waybright seconded the motion.

To amend the General Fund, the appropriations are to be changed as follows:

<u>Expenditures:</u>	Decrease	Increase
Landscaping		\$2,900.00
Recreation Programs	\$2,900.00	

Vote – Unanimous. Kendall Spence then made a motion to reallocate \$3000.00 from the Pond Maintenance funds to the Park Maintenance fund. Jo Waybright seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

**TAX OFFICER'S REPORT:** Cheri Clark is working to collect the remaining 2006 taxes.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Greg Crosby is working on the next edition of the newsletter. The cutoff for articles is April 23rd. The May issue will include an article for the Community Watch social and the Family Pool night May 25<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 9 p.m.

Greg Crosby has received a comment concerning advertising in the Villager. The EDC report needs to present what the commission is doing but be aware of the advertising policy that is in place for both the Villager and the website.

**PARK AND RECREATION BUSINESS:** Jo Waybright discussed the plans for the Mack Currence Memorial Garden at the Community Center. The natural area in front of the parking lot will receive dogwoods and red knockout roses. The Garden Club will maintain the garden. Jo Waybright made a motion for Council to accept and approve the location of the garden within the existing natural area. Greg Crosby seconded the motion. Under discussion a date will need to be established to dedicate both the memorial garden and chambers. Vote – Unanimous.

Kendall Spence presented the Waterfowl Management Report.

INSERT REPORT – WILL NOT ELECTRONICALLY FORMAT AS AN INSERT.

The landscaping changes around Connie's Pond are complete. Hopefully the riprap will deter the geese and prevent future bank erosion issues. The children are harassing the Mute Swan. Parks and Rec has received recommendations from Carolina Waterfowl Rescue to relocate the swan to a bird sanctuary.

Kendall Spence made a motion to approve \$1500.00 for fifty flats of flowers. Jo Waybright seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous. As we begin to prepare for Budget Workshop – the Landscaping contract expires in March therefore we are requesting an additional \$20,000 for that line item and the tennis courts have to be resurfaced – estimated cost \$15,000.00.

Ken Willis has resigned from the Parks and Rec Commission. Kendall Spence made a motion that Council appoint Virginia Currence to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Sarah Barbour seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

**STREET BUSINESS:** Mayor John Ross e-mailed Council the status of the sidewalk repairs, the progress with Union County Parks and Recreation and a request from Lake Park Christian Academy.

#### Street Business

**Sidewalks:** McCollum Paving initiated sidewalk repairs to the areas I marked on Wednesday of this week. It is my understanding that they will systematically proceed with all repairs denoted until complete.

**Pavement repair and resurfacing:** Over the next few weeks I will be identifying the next phase of asphalt work and presenting my recommendations to the Council.

**Faith Church Road/Unionville-Indian Trail Intersection:** I have been in communication with Mr. Larry Helms, our district NCDOT representative, and will be submitting a letter on the Village's behalf to the DOT Division office requesting signalization of the intersection. I will also be communicating with the Town of Indian Trail (half of the intersection is in their Town) and the local DOT office in the process.

**County Obligations-Fred Kirby Park:** I met with Wanda Smith and Mr. Mathisen at the park to discuss the un-fulfilled County obligations for improvements to Lake Park Road. At the time of transferring the property ownership to the County, deed restrictions were recorded that obligated the County to install curb and gutter and a 5' wide sidewalk along their property frontage and connecting to the existing curb and gutter on the Academy property (across from Dara's house). That distance totals approximately 1500 feet. In order to install curb and gutter in that area, the Village would be required to install storm drainage and catch basins as well as curb and gutter on the opposite side of the street. That is not in the best interest of the Village. Additionally, the Village installed sidewalk on the opposite side of Lake Park Road 4-5 years ago. My recommendations to Ms. Smith were: 1) Work with the Village to quantify the value of their obligations and to find a more effective use for the funds. I introduced the idea of finishing the sidewalk along Lake Park Road to the entrance and pedestrian connectivity to the LP Nursing facility; 2) Transfer funds for the value of their obligations to the Village for our use in improving pedestrian traffic to and near the park.

I iterated the fact that we have a contractor on board with the Village and we would manage the project. Ms. Smith took my recommendations under advisement and will respond to the request in the near future. I will continue to track this issue.

As an aside, the County is currently in the process of making improvements to the park including paving the walking track around the fields. I noted to Ms. Smith that at the time the property was transferred, a fountain was located in the pond and operational. I asked her to have the fountain installed/restored to operating condition.

Academy Request: I am attaching the language included in a request by the Academy to improve their cross country trail; some of which is on Village property. The request includes the Academy constructing a timber foot bridge over the rip-rap ditch that discharges into the entrance pond at U-IT road. I do not take exception to the request but I yield to the pleasure of the Council. Please review the following and discuss. I would like to respond to the request soon after the meeting:

Dear John,

The Academy's cross country course has come into a little disrepair, Partly owing to motorized dirt bike use during wet conditions. Mike Ridge, athletics director, is planning to repair and upgrade the course for next Fall. It would be a service project for our athletes.

Among the things involved are:

a.. Repair some damaged areas and install some plastic drainage pipe as necessary on the Academy's property.

b.. Minor clearing of overgrowth along the buffer between Fred Kirby Park and the lake (County property).

c.. A small footbridge across the rip-rap channel draining into the Village's pond at the edge that is closest to the Faith Church Road intersection with Unionville-Indian Trail Road. (This would be on Village property.)

d.. They may install some signage to try to keep motorized cycles off the trail. Pedal power is OK, but we're hoping the trail will become useful for the community for walkers and runners.

The route would be 5K. It will originate on Academy property, then

a.. Follow the east edge of Fred Kirby Park's pond,

b.. Cross below the pond to the shoulder of Lake Park Road,

c.. Follow the east edge of the road to Unionville-Indian Trail Road,

d.. Circle the pond's edge to the nursing home property,

e.. Follow the fence line between the Academy's property and the nursing home,

f.. Follow the west edge of Faith Church Road to the Fred Kirby Park property,

g.. Then take a path along the ball fields returning to the Academy.

We will be in touch with the nursing home as necessary. We will also ask our deputies to watch for dirt bikes, if that is OK with you.

We believe this will be a semi-permanent course, which would give people a tour of the entrance and Fred Kirby Park as they run. Mr. Ridge and I would be glad to do a walk-thru of our suggested improvements with you.

Sincerely,

Chris Mathisen

Council expressed concerns about the children's safety along the stretch of Unionville/Indian Trail Road. Mayor Pro Tem Sandy Coughlin suggested that Council members visit the area.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** The next Growing In Lake Park Quarterly Workshop is April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. Mark Dipple, The Growth Coach, will be discussing People Management/Employee Retention and People Management/Customer Development. Kendall Spence invited Council and residents to attend a workshop.

**WASTE COLLECTION:** The CPI increase will be apart of the April waste collection bill.

Ken Swain has received word that the County Commissioners passed the proposed Flood Management Plan Resolution. .

**SET AGENDA FOR MAY 8, 2007 COUNCIL MEETING:** There were no proposed changes to the agenda.

Ken Swain will have the Flood Management Plan Resolution agreement for Council to review. The County Commissioners made a few minor changes to the agreement.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Sarah Barbour reminded everyone to be planning for Budget Workshop April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. With the population increases in Lake Park and the upcoming elections, it would be helpful if each person had a job description of their Council role along with contact names and numbers. Sandy Coughlin requested that a uniform format be created for Council to utilize to assist with the organization flow.

Greg Crosby requested that Council members keep the vision of Lake Park in their thoughts as Budget Workshop approaches.

Sandy Coughlin shared that Union Power has had a rate increase.

**ADJOURN:** Jo Waybright made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Kendall Spence seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

John H. Ross  
Mayor

Cheri S. Clark  
Village Clerk